

BOOK NOTICES

SWANSON, ROBERT E. 1994. **A Field Guide to the Trees and Shrubs of the Southern Appalachians.** (ISBN 0-8018-4556-4, pbk.). The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2715 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21218-4319. \$18.95 (pbk); \$55.00 (hbk). 399 pp.

The area covered by this work is "the mountains and higher foothills of western North Carolina, upper South Carolina, Northeast Georgia, and Great Smoky Mountains National Park." Well accounted for in this book are the area's 180 genera and 280 species of woody plants. An introductory section covers morphological features useful in identification. Carefully constructed keys are provided for both summer and winter identification. Arranged by families, the main part of the book is devoted to clear illustrations (black-and-white line drawings by Frances R. Swanson) and detailed descriptions of the various species. The volume closes with a glossary, a list of references (10 of them), and an index. I recommend the work to anyone planning a visit there. It worked well for those 20 species I chose as test cases. Kudos to the author.—*John W. Thieret.*

DAHMER, FRED. 1995. **Caddo was ... A short History of Caddo Lake.** (ISBN 0-292-72479-9, pbk.). University of Texas Press, P.O. Box 7819, Austin, TX 78713-7819. \$8.95 80pp.

Caddo Lake, the largest natural freshwater lake in Texas, covers ca. 26,800 acres and straddles the Texas/Louisiana border. This book on various aspects of the lake's history, was first published as a series of essays in the 1980s, then as a book in 1988, and now as a "revised" edition in 1995. It includes but little botany, not claiming to be a source of data on the lake's biota. Some of the photographs (all black and white) are of magnificent, Spanish-moss-draped bald-cypresses; and a short chapter has a few data on duckweeds, waterlillies, goldenclub, spatterdock, and American lotus. Having been many times to Caddo Lake, I enjoyed reading *Caddo was*.—*John W. Thieret.*